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PRESS RELEASE

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DATE/TIME OF OCCURRENCE: 10/21/01 1500 HRS.

NATURE OF CALL: MISSING PERSON LOCATED

LOCATION OF CALL: WEIMAR

RELEASED BY: CAPT. RICK ARMSTRONG

SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

On Sunday, October 21, 2001, missing person Lee Wheeler, age 65, of Kent, Washington was located at the Weimar Store. Mr. Wheeler is an Alzheimer patient and had been reported missing from his home in Washington on October 18. He was driving his own vehicle but did not know where he was or how he got to Weimar. Store employees became concerned about his welfare and notified the Sheriff's Department.

Sheriff's Deputy Steve Slattery responded to the store and discovered there was an APB issued for Mr. Wheeler from the State of Washington. Deputy Slattery was able to contact Mr. Wheeler's son, Larry Wheeler, in Washington state. Since Adult Protective Services was unable to care for Mr. Wheeler, the Placer County Law Enforcement Chaplaincy was contacted. A Chaplain escorted Mr. Wheeler to the Sheriff's Office in Auburn where they waited until his son arrived on a flight from Seattle. The father and son were reunited late Sunday evening at the Sheriff's Department. Mr. Wheeler and his adult son then returned home in their vehicle.

Sheriff Bonner would like to thank the Chaplaincy and the staff at the Weimar Store for their assistance. Without their help, Mr. Wheeler might still be a missing person.

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